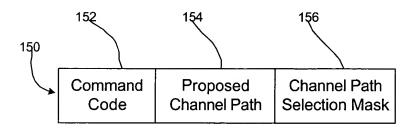


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FIG. 3 100 Begin process to calculate availability index for a channel path. 1,02 Calculate availability index of channel path. 1,04 Calculate availability index of switch. 1,06 Calculate availability index of storage controller. 1,08 Sum three indexes together to obtain availability index for path.

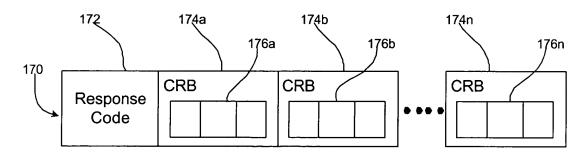
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FIG. 4



Compare Channel Components Command

FIG. 5



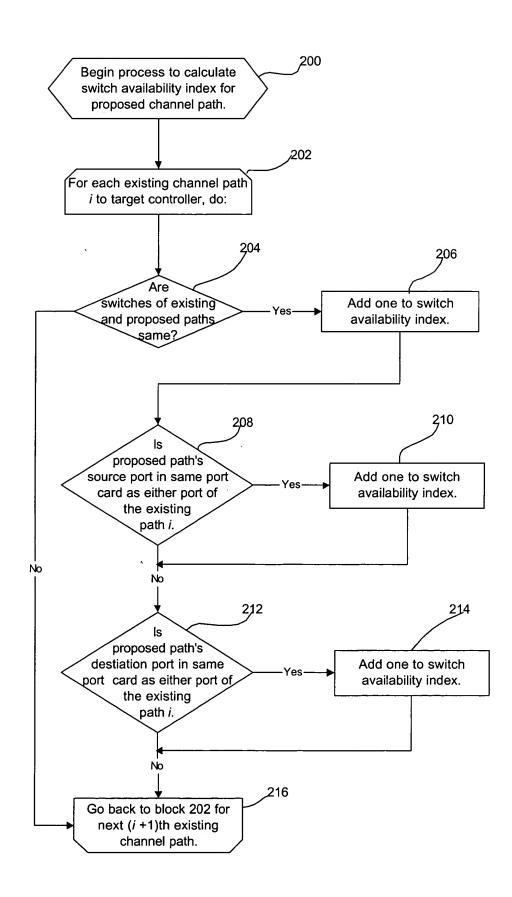
Response Block



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FIG. 6

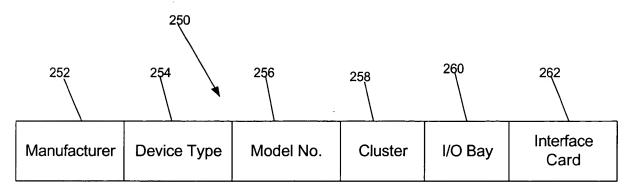


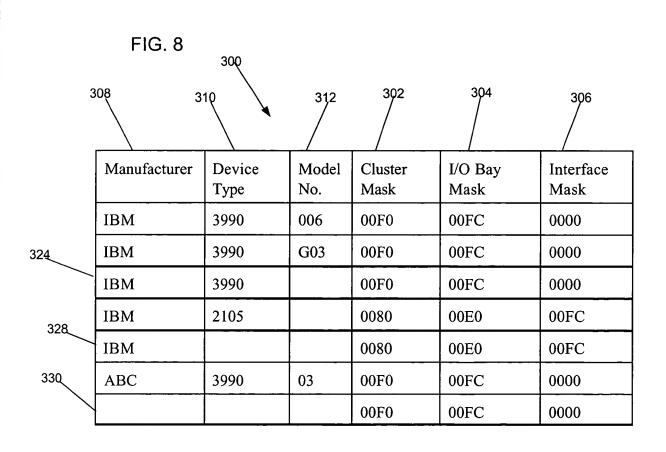


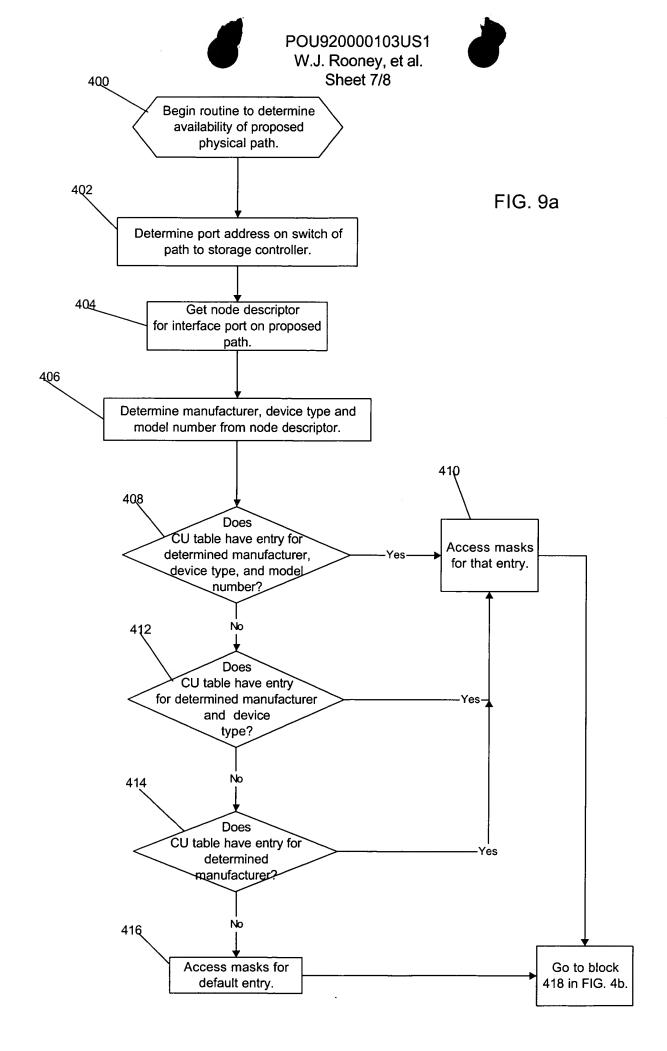
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FIG. 7









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FIG. 9b

